

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 1-14, 19-21, and 30-35 are pending in this application. Claims 15-18, 22, 23, 26, and 27 were previously cancelled, and claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 36, and 37 are cancelled herein. No claim is amended, and no new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Office for allowing claims 1-14 19-21, and 30-35. Office Action at page 5.

### **II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

The Office rejects claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 36, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,436,018 to Massie et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,804,555 to Marschner et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,996,072 to Marschner et al., or U.S. Patent No. 5,091,117 to Marschner et al. *Id.* at 4. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection. However, without acquiescing to the rejection, and solely to advance prosecution, Applicants cancelled the objected-to claims 24, 25, 28, 29, 36, and 37. As such, this rejection is now moot, and Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw it.

### **III. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request that the Office reconsider this application in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and confirm the allowance of all of pending claims 1-14, 19-21, and 30-35.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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